



SMITH PATENT OFFICE
1901 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Suite 200
Washington, DC 20006-3433
(202) 530-5900 (phone)
(202) 530-5902 (fax)

April 1, 2004

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request for filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of pending prior application Serial No. 10/084,491 filed on February 28, 2002. The present application data includes:

Application No.: 10/084,491
Filed : February 28, 2002
Applicant : Noboru NAKASHIMA
Title : SAFETY INDWELLING SYRINGE
Art Unit : 3763
Examiner : Ghafoorian, R.
Attorney Doc. : 0090/004001

RECEIVED

APR 06 2004

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

Please enter and consider the previously submitted Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 filed on March 5, 2004.

A petition for a second month extension of time is filed concurrently herewith to maintain copendency. Applicant previously petitioned for a one month extension of time and paid the one month extension of time fee on March 5, 2004. Therefore, applicant hereby submits that the additional fee (\$155.00) for the second month extension of time (\$210.00 - \$55.00) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17 and 1.136(a) is required.

The required fees are calculated below:

RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)	\$385.00
Second month Extension of Time Fee (\$210.00-\$55.00)	\$155.00
TOTAL FEE DUE:	<u>\$540.00</u>

The \$540.00 fee required for this application is currently due. Please charge this fee to Deposit Account No. 19-2586, referencing Attorney Docket No. 0090/004001. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached. It is believed that this fee covers all of the required fees for this application, however, if any additional fees are required please charge these required fees to Deposit Account No. 19-2586, referencing Attorney Docket No. 0090/004001.

04/05/2004 AWONDAF1 00000018 192586 10084491

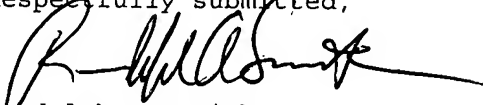
01 FC:2801 385.00 DA

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal
Application No.: 10/084,491
Applicant : Noboru NAKASHIMA
Title : SAFETY INDWELLING SYRINGE
April 1, 2004
Page 2

If any additional fee is required, or if it appears that a telephone conference would help to advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned at 202-530-5900.

Please continue to recognize the following address at the corresponding address: **Customer Number 22893.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randolph A. Smith", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Randolph A. Smith
Reg. No. 32,548

RAS:kn
Enclosures
Nakashima040104